CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1.   In a computer system having a memory, a processor, and a
2. network interface, a method comprising the steps of:
3.   receiving an incoming call signal on said network
4. interface;
5.   processing said incoming call signal to detect an
6. intended recipient application; and
7.   launching said intended recipient application.

1. 2.   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of processing said
2. incoming call signal comprises the steps of:
3.   parsing said incoming call signal to determine a signal
4. type; and a signal port; and
5.   determining said intended recipient application based on
6. said signal type and said signal port.

1. 3.   The method of claim 1, wherein said step of launching said
2. intended recipient application comprises the steps of:
3.   determining said intended recipient application based on
4. said signal type and said signal port;
5.   locating said intended recipient application using an
6. application signature; and
7.   signaling a process manager to launch said intended
8. recipient application.

4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

    loading a call processing module into said memory; and

    initializing said call processing module to process calls using said network interface.

5. The method of claim 2, wherein said step of loading said call processing module into said memory comprises the steps of:

    loading a call directing component;

    loading a first conference component;

    loading a first transport component; and

    loading a first network component.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said step of initializing said call processing module comprises the steps of:

    initializing said first network component to operate with said network interface;

    initializing said call directing component to monitor for said incoming call signal;

    initializing said first transport component to receive said incoming call signal; and

    initializing said first conference component to transfer said incoming call signal.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

    receiving an initialization message from said intended recipient application; and

4   removing said intended recipient application from an

5 internal list if said initialization message does not correspond

6 to an expected message.

1 8.   In a computer system having a memory, a processor, and a

2 network interface, an apparatus comprising:

3   a call directing module;

4   a process manager coupled to said call directing module;

5 and,

6   a conferencing component coupled to said network

7 interface; and said call directing module

8   said conferencing component containing a circuit for

9 notifying said call directing module upon receipt of an incoming

10 call and causing said call director to signal said process manager

11 to activate a conferencing application.

1 9.   An apparatus comprising:

2   a processor;

3   a memory coupled to said processor;

4   a network interface coupled to said processor;

5   said memory configured to cause said processor to:

6   receiving an incoming call signal on said network

7 interface;

8   processing said incoming call signal to detect an

9 intended recipient application; and

10   launching a conferencing application if said

11   intended recipient application is said conferencing

12   application.